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Draft decision proposed by the Bureau

Participation of non-governmental organizations in the preparatory process

The Preparatory Committee,

Recalling paragraph (b) of its decision 2 of 8 February 2000,[1] by which:

> other non-governmental organizations that are not accredited either to the Economic and Social Council or to UNICEF but that have a collaborative relationship and partnership with UNICEF pursuant to its mandate to obtain from non-governmental organizations having a special interest in child and family welfare the advice and technical assistance which it may require for the implementation of its programmes will also be invited to participate in the meetings of the Preparatory Committee. A list of those non-governmental organizations should be provided to the Preparatory Committee by 31 March 2000. The non-governmental organizations on the list will be approved by the Preparatory Committee on a no-objection basis by 30 April 2000,

Acknowledging that several suggestions for participation of non-governmental organizations in the preparatory process of the special session have been received after the deadline established to that effect by the above-mentioned decision, namely, 31 March 2000,

Decides to extend the deadline for the approval on a no-objection basis of participation of non-governmental organizations in the preparatory process of the special session as follows:

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[1] See A/55/43 (Part I).

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(a) A list of additional non-governmental organizations proposed for participation should be provided to the Preparatory Committee by 30 September 2000;

(b) The non-governmental organization on that list will be approved by the Preparatory Committee on a no-objection basis by 31 October 2000.

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Substantive sessions of the Preparatory Committee in 2001

The Preparatory Committee,

Recalling paragraph 8 of General Assembly resolution 54/93 of 7 December 1999, by which the Preparatory Committee was requested to propose to the General Assembly its requirements for further meetings in 2001,

Decides to propose to the General Assembly that two substantive sessions of the Preparatory Committee be convened in New York during 2001, one from 29 January to 2 February and one from 11 to 15 June.

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Draft decision proposed by the Bureau

Dates of the special session of the General Assembly for follow-up to the World Summit for Children

The Preparatory Committee,

Recalling paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 54/93 of 7 December 1999, by which the Assembly decided that the special session shall be convened in the month of September 2001,

Recalling also paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 54/93, by which the Assembly established the Preparatory Committee to address organizational issues and to prepare for the outcome of the special session,

Decides to propose to the General Assembly that the special session be convened in New York for three days between the first and second weeks of the general debate of the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly.

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Draft decision proposed by the Bureau

Arrangements for accreditation and participation of non-governmental organizations in the special session

The Preparatory Committee,

Recalling paragraph 14 of General Assembly resolution 54/93 of 7 December 1999,

Decides that the arrangements for accreditation and participation of non-governmental organizations in the special session will be as follows:

(a) Accreditation

The following non-governmental organizations will be invited to participate in the special session:

(i) The non-governmental organizations that are accredited in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31 of 25 July 1996 or are accredited to UNICEF;

(ii) The non-governmental organizations invited to the preparatory process of the special session in accordance with relevant decisions of the Preparatory Committee;

(b) Participation

A limited number of non-governmental organizations will address the special session, given availability of time. The non-governmental organizations will select

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spokespersons among themselves and will provide the list thereof to the President of the General Assembly through the Secretariat;

The President of the General Assembly will be invited to select the non-governmental organizations that will address the special session on an equal and transparent basis, taking into account the geographical representation and diversity of non-governmental organizations;

(c) These arrangements shall in no way create a precedent for other special sessions.

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Revised draft decision proposed by the Bureau

Arrangements for accreditation of non-governmental organizations in the special session

The Preparatory Committee,

Recalling paragraph 14 of General Assembly resolution 54/93 of 7 December 1999,

Decides that the arrangements for accreditation of non-governmental organizations in the special session will be as follows:

The following non-governmental organizations will be invited to participate in the special session:

(a) The non-governmental organizations that enjoy consultative status in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31 of 25 July 1996 or are accredited to UNICEF;

(b) Other non-governmental organizations accredited to the preparatory process of the special session in accordance with relevant decisions of the Preparatory Committee;

These arrangements shall in no way create a precedent for other special sessions.

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Draft decision proposed by the Bureau

Participation of members of regional commissions

The Preparatory Committee,

Recalling paragraph 15 of General Assembly resolution 54/93 of 7 December 1999, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, invited regional and subregional organizations to undertake reviews of progress achieved since the World Summit for Children, and encouraged regional preparatory activities for the special session on children,

Decides to invite associate members of regional commissions to participate in the General Assembly special session on children and in its preparatory process, subject to rules of procedure of the General Assembly, in the same capacity of observers that applied to recent special sessions of the General Assembly.

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Draft decision proposed by the Bureau

The Preparatory Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Arrangements regarding participation of non-governmental organizations in the special session of the General Assembly in 2001 for follow-up to the World Summit for Children

The General Assembly,

1. Decides that, given the availability of time, a limited number of non-governmental organizations accredited to the special session of the General Assembly in 2001 for follow-up to the World Summit for Children may make statements at the special session. The President of the General Assembly is requested to present the list of selected non-governmental organizations to the Member States in a timely manner for approval. The President of the General Assembly is also requested to ensure that such selection is made on an equal and transparent basis, taking into account the geographical representation and diversity of non-governmental organizations;

2. Further decides that arrangements concerning the accreditation and participation of non-governmental organizations in the special session will in no way create a precedent for other special sessions of the General Assembly.

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Draft report of the Preparatory Committee at its first substantive session

I. Introduction

1. At its fifty-fourth session, the General Assembly adopted resolution 54/93 of 7 December 1999, entitled "Special session of the General Assembly in 2001 for follow-up to the World Summit for Children". In paragraph 6 of the resolution, the Assembly decided to establish an open-ended preparatory committee to prepare for the outcome of the special session.

2. In paragraph 8 of resolution 54/93 the General Assembly requested the Preparatory Committee to convene one organizational session on 7 and 8 February 2000 and one substantive session from 30 May to 2 June 2000 and to propose to the General Assembly its requirements for further meetings in 2001.

II. Organizational matters

3. The Preparatory Committee held its first substantive session at United Nations Headquarters from 30 May to 2 June 2000. In the course of its session, the Preparatory Committee held ___ plenary meetings and two meetings for panel discussions. The Committee also held meetings for informal consultations.

4. The session was opened by the Chairperson of the Preparatory Committee, Ambassador Patricia Durrant (Jamaica), who made an opening statement.

5. The Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), Carol Bellamy, also made a statement.

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A. Adoption of the agenda

6. At its 1st meeting, on 30 May 2000, the Preparatory Committee adopted the provisional agenda for the first substantive session (A/AC.256/4), as follows:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Organization of work.
4. Introduction of the report of the Secretary-General.
5. Organizational arrangements for the preparatory process and the special session:
   (a) Date and duration of further substantive sessions;
   (b) Provisional agenda for the second substantive session;
   (c) Participation of non-governmental organizations in the special session.
6. Consideration of proposed outline of the outcome of the special session: identification of key issues and trends.
7. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee at its first substantive session.
8. Other matters.

B. Documentation

7. The Preparatory Committee had the following documents before it at the session:

(a) Report of the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly in 2001 for Follow-up to the World Summit for Children on its organizational session (A/55/43 (Part I));

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on emerging issues for children in the twenty-first century (A/AC.256/3-E/ICEF/2000/13);

(c) Provisional agenda (A/AC.256/4);

(d) Provisional annotated agenda (A/AC.256/4/Add.1);

(e) Report of the Secretary-General on update on the preparatory process for the special session of the General Assembly in 2001 for follow-up to the World Summit for Children (A/AC.256/5);

(f) Debate on the document entitled "Emerging issues for children in the twenty-first century" (A/AC.256/3-E/ICEF/2000/13) held at the annual session of the Executive Board of UNICEF (A/AC.256/6);

(g) Draft decision on participation of non-governmental organizations in the preparatory process (A/AC.256/L.2);

(h) Draft decision on substantive sessions of the Preparatory Committee in 2001 (A/AC.256/L.3);

(i) Draft decision on dates of the special session of the General Assembly in 2001 for follow-up to the World Summit for Children (A/AC.256/L.4);

(j) Draft decision on arrangements for accreditation of non-governmental organizations in the special session (A/AC.256/L.5/Rev.1);

(k) Draft decision on participation of members of regional commissions (A/AC.256/L.6);

(l) Draft decision on arrangements regarding participation of non-governmental organizations in the special session of the General Assembly in 2001 for follow-up to the World Summit for Children (A/AC.256/L.7);

(m) Draft report of the Preparatory Committee at its first substantive session (A/AC.256/L.8);

(n) Draft programme of work (A/AC.256/CRP.1);

(o) Note by the Secretariat on arrangements for accreditation and participation of non-governmental organizations (A/AC.256/CRP.2);

(p) Draft provisional agenda for the second substantive session (A/AC.256/CRP.3);

(q) Provisional programme of work for the second substantive session (A/AC.256/CRP.4).

III. Organizational arrangements for the preparatory process and the special session

8. At the 1st meeting of the Preparatory Committee, on 30 May 2000, the Deputy Executive Director of UNICEF introduced the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Emerging issues for children in the twenty-first century" (A/AC.256/3).

9. The Preparatory Committee considered agenda items 4, 5 and 6 at its 1st to 4th meetings, from 30 May to 1 June 2000. Statements were made by a number of delegations, specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations. In that regard, various proposals were put forward. Moreover, the Chairman made a summary on the debate regarding emerging issues for children in the twenty-first century, which is contained in the annex to the present report.

10. At its 3rd meeting, on 1 June, the Preparatory Committee adopted the decision on the participation of non-governmental organizations in the preparatory process (A/AC.256/L.2), which reads as follows:

[*To be inserted in final report.*]

11. In accordance with decision 1 adopted at its organizational session, the Preparatory Committee held three panel discussions, on 30 and 31 May. The summaries of the panel discussions by the respective Chairman are contained in the annex to the present report.

A. Date and duration of further substantive sessions

12. At its 4th meeting, on 1 June 2000, the Preparatory Committee adopted the decision on substantive sessions of the Preparatory Committee in 2001 (A/AC.256/L.3), which reads as follows:

[*To be inserted in final report.*]

13. Also at the 4th meeting, the Preparatory Committee adopted the decision on dates and duration of the special session (A/AC.256/L.4), which reads as follows:

[*To be inserted in final report.*]

B. Provisional agenda for the second substantive session

14. Also at the 4th meeting, the Preparatory Committee adopted the draft provisional agenda for the second substantive session (A/AC.256/CRP.3), which reads as follows:

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15. Additionally at the 4th meeting the Preparatory Committee adopted, as orally amended, the provisional programme of work for the second substantive session (A/AC.256/CRP.4), which reads as follows:

[*To be inserted in final report.*]

C. Participation of non-governmental organizations in the special session

16. Furthermore, at its 4th meeting, the Preparatory Committee adopted the decision, as orally amended, on arrangements for accreditation of non-governmental organizations in the special session (A/AC.256/L.5/Rev.1), which reads as follows:

[*To be inserted in final report.*]

17. At its ___ meeting, on ___ June, the Preparatory Committee adopted the decision on arrangements regarding participation of non-governmental organizations in the special session (A/AC.256/7), which reads as follows:

[*To be inserted in final report.*]

18. Also at the 4th meeting, the Preparatory Committee adopted the decision, as orally amended, on the participation of associate members of regional commissions (A/AC.256/L.6), which reads as follows:

[*To be inserted in final report.*]

IV. Consideration of the proposed outline of the outcome of the special session: identification of key issues and trends

19. The Preparatory Committee considered agenda item 6 regarding the proposed outline of the outcome of the special session at its 3rd and 4th meetings, on 1 June 2000. Statements and suggestions were made by many delegations.

20. At its 4th meeting, on 1 June, based on the agreement reached in informal consultations, the Preparatory Committee agreed to authorize its Bureau, with the support of the substantive secretariat, to prepare a draft outcome document, taking into account the views expressed during the first substantive session of the Preparatory Committee, for consideration at the second substantive session in the first instance. It was proposed that the document in its first draft would be made available to Member States in November 2000.

V. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee at its first substantive session

21. At its 5th meeting on 2 June 2000, the Preparatory Committee took note of the summaries by the Chairmen at its first substantive session (see annex).

22. Also at the 5th meeting, the Preparatory Committee adopted the draft report of its first substantive session (A/AC.256/L.8).

Annex

Summaries by the Chairmen

I. Panel discussion I: Review and assessment, including constraints encountered in implementing the goals of the World Summit for Children

[*Summary by the Chairman of Panel I to be added*]

II. Panel discussion II: (a) Emerging issues

[*Summary by the Chairman of Panel II (a) to be added*]

III. Panel discussion II: (b) Future action for children

IV. Summary by the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee on the debate regarding emerging issues for children in the twenty-first century

[*Summary by the Chairman to be added*]